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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on August 6, 2002, **CLENNARD EDWARD McCORKLE, a/k/a/ CLENT McCORKLE**, age 47, a former police officer with the Village of Washington Park, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, for wire fraud involving a scheme to defraud the Village of Washington Park and the residents of the Village of Washington Park out of revenues and the right to the honest services of a police officer, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Sections 1343 and 1346. **McCORKLE** was sentenced to 12 months and one day's imprisonment as well as 3 years' supervised release and fined \$3,000.00. In addition, **McCORKLE** was ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment.

The violation took place on September 1, 2000 in St. Clair County Illinois. The sentencing follows a jury verdict of guilty on May 10, 2004, after a six day trial.

During the trial, the evidence revealed that on September 1, 2000, while acting as a police officer for the Village of Washington Park, **McCORKLE** issued a citation to a female motorist charging her with driving on an expired drivers license. **McCORKLE** then, in exchange for engaging in sexual activity, tore up the citation. The victim reported the incident to the Village of Washington Park Police Department and thereafter **McCORKLE** taped the ticket back together and attempted to have it processed. The evidence at trial further revealed that **McCORKLE** obstructed justice after being charged with the crime by attempting to bribe the victim to not testify against him. **McCORKLE** admitted he obstructed justice at sentencing.

The successful prosecution was the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Illinois State Police. The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorneys Angela Scott and Robert L. Simpkins.